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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**Serial No.** : 09/932,388 **Group Art Unit** : 2171  
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**For** : *Device and Method For Chartering A Seat On Ground Transportation*

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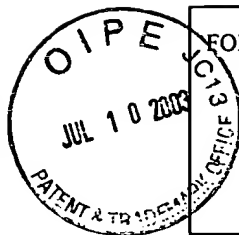


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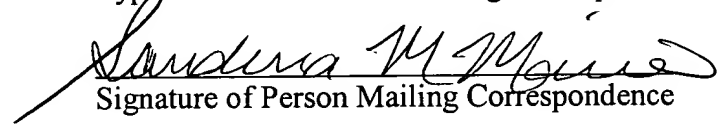
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